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Loot Before the Rout

CHURCHILL admitted in the British Parliament the other day that the crisis in the European war has prolonged beyond all expectations. In the Pacific, he said, the critical phase of the war has just begun. Thus the Anglo-Americans are now faced with a double crisis. Roosevelt who has just returned to America after the Yalta conference also declared that even if the European war were over, the Pacific war would go on for a long time and that American manpower and industrial resources should be so adjusted as to bear the long and terrific strain.

As far as Britain is concerned, the burden of her war effort does not weigh so heavily on her own shoulders as on the shoulders of her dependent nations. The dominions, colonies, protectorates and what not, as well as the dependent nations of the Middle East and above all India are forced to bear the strain of Britain's war effort. How ruthlessly the British are exploiting India was once again revealed by the Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, in his budget speech before the Central Legislative Assembly, on Tuesday.

Previously it has been revealed that the so-called Indian defence expenditure amounts to nearly 600 crores of rupees every year. Now Sir Jeremy says, besides this there is what is known as ineffective defence expenditure, such as Military salaries, pensions and allowances. For these charges up to the year 2599, India is being forced to pay 50 million pounds as a lump sum and for the later years, 900,000 pounds per annum. All the time Britain has been owing India an ever-increasing and colossal debt amounting to several thousand million pounds known as India's Sterling Balances in London, and yet the British are forcing India to pay vast sums.

India pays and pays—rather India is being robbed and plundered— but bankrupt Britain will not repay even a single penny of the huge sterling debt. Sir Jeremy Raisman has reaffirmed this by saying that for many years even after the conclusion of the war Britain will not be in a position to repay her debts to India. But let Sir Jeremy rest assured that India does not and will not expect anything from Britain after the war, because the war will not end until and unless British power is totally destroyed, and British exploitation of India is completely stopped.

On the other hand, British exploitation, if allowed to continue unchecked, will soon altogether destroy India's vast population and convert her into a vast desert and graveyard. The sooner the British power is destroyed, the better will be India's condition. Independent India will have a fair start only if we hasten the destruction of British tyrant.

Iwoojima Battle Hits Climax As Offensive Starts

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Attacks&Counter-Attacks Mark Furious Fighting Now Taking Place

Tokyo, March 1 (Domei)—The battle of Iwoojima has assumed the utmost intensity and ferocity since dawn yesterday, Wednesday, when the main body of enemy invasion troops supported by numerous tanks and trenchmortars resumed the general offensive in all sectors of the battlefront, in the face of furious counter-attacks launched by our garrison units.

Prior to the reopening of the general offensive which started last Monday morning, the enemy carried out intensive bombardments against our strong points with his artillery and air force. Our garrison troops are so far known to have inflicted still greater losses on the enemy since the general offensive reopened. In meeting the enemy's fresh onslaught our garrison units launched determined counter-attacks from new positions to which they had moved by about 2 a.m. yesterday, Wednesday morning.

The enemy invasion force opened up its general offensive early last Monday when its land, surface and air units began to concentrate intensive fire on our main firstline positions. Subsequently, from about 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, enemy troops, under cover of most intensive trenchmortar and ship bombardments, made forcible attempts to storm our main strong points.

During the sharp engagement that ensued part of these enemy troops succeeded in infiltrating through our defence lines to advance to the vicinity of Tawarazaka and Tamanayama Hill. Our garrison unit immediately counter-attacked these enemy troops, engaging them in most sanguinary fighting.

Nippon Not Mentioned At Yalta Conference

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—The war against Nippon was not even mentioned at the Yalta Conference, President Roosevelt told representatives of three American news agencies who met him in Algiers and travelled home with him, a Reuter's dispatch from Washington said. The dispatch meanwhile said President Roosevelt will address in person tomorrow a joint session of Congress broadcasting to the world the report on the Conference.

Roosevelt told pres agencies he did not know if Russia would be asked to enter any discussion on the Pacific problems before the defeat of Germany. Russia had been completely neutral towards Nippon, he declared, and he was respecting that neutral-

THOROUGH EXPLOITATION SEEN IN INDIA GOVT'S SIXTH WARTIME BUDGET

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Increase In Existing Taxation And Fresh Taxes To Meet Huge Deficit

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As the war is becoming more and more decisive, the bankrupt British Government is intensifying its merciless and inhuman loot and plunder of India's wealth and resources. This is revealed in the sixth war Budget presented in the Central Indian Assembly on Tuesday by Sir Jeremy Raisman, the so-called Finance Member in the British Viceroy's Executive Council. As this is the last budget to be presented by Sir Jeremy Raisman whose term of office is to expire shortly, Sir Jeremy has used all his ingenuity and cunning to frame the budget in such a way as to fleece the last pie from the impoverished and already heavily overtaxed Indian people through a number of fresh taxations, both direct and indirect.

Though full particulars of the fresh taxation have been deliberately withheld details as are contained in a New Delhi report, are sufficient to give a fair idea of the hideous nature of the British policy towards India, and of the colossal extent of their loot and plunder of India's wealth.

According to the report, the sixth war budget is a deficit budget, as usual, the estimated deficit being 155 crores and 29 lakhs of rupees. This huge deficit will, of course, be met by new loans, thereby considerably adding to the total public loans which, since the beginning of the war up to end of last month, have according to Sir Jeremy Raisman, reached the figure of 833 crores of rupees. The New Delhi report, however, did not reveal the total amounts of income and expenditure, but a few details are given in respect of the new taxations proposed for the coming financial year.

Taxes on profits have been so modified as to squeeze more money from Indian industries and business enterprises than from British firms. Though the excess profits tax will continue as before, big industries mostly British-owned will be allowed special relief for the purpose of enabling them to set apart sufficient money for the depreciation of their plant and machinery, their newly constructed building and such other things.

On the contrary, nine-tenths of the income will be subjected to income tax in the case of businesses earning an income of Rs. 2,000, which are mostly Indian. Incomes higher than this are also subject to taxation, but the tax will be heavier in the case of Indian businesses of the indirect taxes, the one that will hit the masses most, is the tax on tobacco in the form of excise duty which is proposed to be further increased for all classes of tobacco. The increased duty is estimated to yield an additional 3 crores and 80 lakhs of rupees, the whole of which will ultimately come from the poor people.

Another most diabolical feature of the budget is the proposal to increase the inland postal rates, the incidence of which taxation will be entirely on the masses. Increases have been proposed on inland postal parcels, on ordinary and express telegrams and also on telephone charges. The total yield from all these additional taxation is estimated at 8 crores and 60 lakhs of rupees, reducing the

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Premier Accepts Admiral Kobayashi's Resignation

Tokyo, March 1 (Domei)—It was officially announced that Premier General Kuniaki Koiso has accepted the resignation tendered by Admiral Seizo Kobayashi, State Minister without portfolio in the Koiso Cabinet.

Admiral Kobayashi tendered his resignation yesterday, Wednesday. It is understood that Admiral Kobayashi decided to resign his Cabinet post on the ground of his personal conviction that his resignation will greatly facilitate the current political movement in which he is engaged to organize a new political party which will replace the present Taisei Yokusan (Imperial Rule Assistance Political Association). Admiral Kobayashi is President of this political association which post he still retains.

31 Raiders Shot Down Over Ryukyu Group

Tokyo, March 1 (Domei)—Carrier-borne enemy planes started to attack the Ryukyu Islands early this morning, Dai Honyei revealed in a communique released at 6 o'clock this evening. Our air defence forces immediately intercepted the enemy and the aerial battle was still in progress at 1.30 p.m., the communique added.

The communique reads: "A large number of carrier-based planes from an enemy task force attacked the South-western Islands from about 7.30 a.m. today, March 1.

Our air defence forces immediately intercepted the enemy and the battle was still in progress at 1.30 p.m.

"War results known to have been achieved up to that time are as follows: Shot down 31 planes and damaged 23 others."

Staggering Enemy Naval Losses In Iwoojima Waters

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2 Carriers, 2 Battleships, 4 Cruisers, 7 Warships And 6 Ships Sunk

Tokyo, March 1 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 4 p.m. today announced:

"Firstly, our units garrisoning Iwoojima are continuing their courageous and determined fighting against the numerically-superior enemy around a line running from the southern pier of Motoyama airfield to Shiroyama in the centre of the island, in the face of continued intensive enemy bombardments. On the afternoon of February 27, part of the enemy forces advanced to the vicinity of Tamanayama and Tawarazaka.

Of our war results achieved up to the end of February since the enemy landed on the island, the principal ones so far ascertained are as follows:

"Killed or wounded approximately 13,500 enemy personnel (not including the war results achieved at sea);

"Set ablaze or put out of commission 226 enemy tanks:

"Sank two aircraft-carriers, one battleship, one battleship or cruiser, four cruisers, seven warcraft of unidentified category and six transports for landing operations;

"Heavily damaged five warcraft of unidentified category, 25 transports for landing operations and one minesweeper. In addition, 74 huge pillars of flame were observed from the land.

"Secondly, the Supreme Commander of our forces in that sector is Lieutenant-General Tadamichi Kuribayashi who is personnally assuming command of the combat on Iwoojima.

"The Commander of our navy air force in that sector is Rear-Admiral Toshinosuke Ichimaru, and the Commander of our naval unit on Iwoojima is Captain Samaji Inouye."

Premier Koiso Attends Ministerial Conference

Tokyo, March 1 (Domei)—Premier General Kuniaki Koiso personally attended a meeting of ministerial administrative officials yesterday morning and after explaining the current war situation expressed government's firm determination to swiftly enforce necessary measures to cope with this grave situation.

Meanwhile, apart from regular Cabinet meetings it was decided to hold every Wednesday a regular weekly meeting of the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, Chief of the Legislative Bureau, President of the Board of Information, and Chief of the Composite Planning Bureau. The first of such weekly meetings was held yesterday morning at the Premier's official residence.

British Brutality On Burmese Villagers

A Nippon Base in Northern Burma, Feb. 27 (Domei)—British-Indian army troops which invaded Northern Burma have already committed acts of atrocity, butchering innocent Burmese civilians and subjecting them to forced labour for 24 hours a day. They are also commandeering food and other daily necessities from farmers, killing those who dare disobey their orders, according to an account given by evacuees from Northern Burma.

Unable to bear this brutality the inhabitants of one whole Burmese village escaped en masse from enemy-occupied territory and placed themselves under the protection of the Nippon army authorities who are now taking care of them.

42,000 U.S. Workers Defy "Back-To-Work" Orders

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—Although the United States Government appealed to workers to redouble their production effort in order to meet the pressing requirements of the growingly intensified war, strikes are continuing to spread in the United States and 42,000 workers are now defying "back-to-work" orders, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Washington.

The latest stoppage at the Kelly Springfield Tyre Company's plant at Cumberland, Virginia, has paralysed synthetic tyre production, snagging the output of tyres which are vitally needed on the war front.

De Gaulle Government Severely Criticised

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—The French situation has been further embroiled by the demands of the National Resistance Council for the immediate return of "purely democratic republican methods" in the nation, according to yesterday's Paris dispatch.

The Council in a sharply worded statement, severely criticised De Gaulle s Government charging that it failed to carry out the full program of political, social and economic reforms The Council accused government of failure to consult it, and consequently it declined all responsibility "for certain political difficulties existing in France."

De Gaulle To Take Part In 'Frisco Conference

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—The French Cabinet today announced that the Provisional French Government has agreed to participate in the forthcoming San Francisco Conference together with the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union as one of the "inviting powers", according to a Paris dispatch.

U.S. Subs "Escolar" & "Shark" Presumed Lost

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—Two American submarines, the "Escolar" and "Shark" are overdue from patrol and presumed lost, a Washington dispatch said the United States Navy Department announced. The area of operation involved was not divulged.

Bitter Fighting In Erkelenz And Duren Theatres

Berlin, February 28 (Domei)—The focal centre of the great battle of material in the West in the area west of Cologne is between Erkelenz and Duren where the intensity of American artillery fire increased even more yesterday, frontline dispatches said. North and east of Erkelenz as well as along the road from Julich and Duren to Cologne, the American Ninth Army attacking with all its might, pushed German forces back to new positions.

However, the desired enemy break through was prevented, the German High Command said. More than 100 American tanks were destroyed in this grim fighting. German tank groups made a thrust into the flanks of the enemy's offensive wedge and shattered the enemy's reserves and columns.

The Americans having employed all their tank reserves in their major offensive, have gained further ground. However, they have nowhere yet succeeded in gaining desired operative freedom of movement, the German Military Spokesman said today. Fighting now has approached to within three kilometres west and south-west of the suburbs of the city of Rheyf, south of Munchen-Gladbach, while American formations attacking from the Duren sector have gained only little ground. A third American wedge launched in the Julich area has reached the Erft River at some points. German positions along the Erft River however, are extremely fortified and will be a hard nut for the Americans to crack, the German Military Spokesman said.

In the Eifel sector the gravity of the fighting was located around the town of Bitburg which the Americans have penetrated, and north and south of this town where single American formations advanced farther north and in a southerly direction by bypassing the town. To strengthen their formations on the Eifel front the Americans have withdrawn divisions from the Hagenau area where French formations have replaced Americans, the German Military Spokesman said.

On the Lower Rhine First Canadian Army formations attacking south-east of Calcar and east of Goch were checked in the German main fighting line with terrific, bloody losses to the enemy who gained little ground. Sixty-three British tanks were destroyed in the course of this fighting, the German communique said.

The Soviet break through in Central Pomerania towards the Baltic Sea coast in the Koeslin area is the most dramatic development on the Eastern Front in the last 24 hours, frontline dispatches said. After their penetration north of Neustettin, Soviet tank spearheads succeeded in breaking through farther north and advancing towards the Baltic Sea with strong support of battleplanes. German emergency reserves were thrown into this critical area and succeeded in preventing a decisive widening of the still narrow breakthrough corridor.

On the Oder front, east of Berlin, Soviet forces were able to expand their bridgeheads slightly on either side of Kuestrin but these positions on the western bank of the river are too small to serve as jumping-off boards for a major thrust on Berlin. At the Lausitz Neisse River the situation continued to be stable. German bridgeheads at Forst and Guben resisted all Soviet attacks.

In the Italian theatre enemy forces which landed a few days ago on the southern tip of the Dalmatian Island of Pag were thrown back into the sea by a counter-attack, the German communique said.

Capitulation Is Out Of Question Says Goebbels

Berlin, Feb. 28 (Domei)—Dr. Josef Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, in a stirring radio address tonight appealed to the German people's will to resistance and victory. "Germany will and must reconquer territories she lost in the East. We will sooner die than capitulate. Our V-weapons will shortly reach over the larger sections of the British homeland."

These were the most sensational statements in Goebbel's address which surveyed the situation after recent events. Goebbels stressed that the war is by no means over. Although German armament and food supply potential has strongly been affected by lost territory in the East, yet these losses by no means are so big as to allow Germany to continue the war for only a limited period, Goebbels said.

He predicted a strong revival of German submarine activity which, in view of the enemy's acute tonnage problem, may be of devastating effect. He declared that Germany is also determined to recapture as soon as possible lost Eastern territory and repulse the enemy's frontal attack in the West.

The German people, Goebbels declared, are defending themselves against the enemies with all available means. "Capitulation and another Nov. 9, 1918, is out of the question," Goebbels emphasized.

Premier Of Rumania Tenders Resignation

Lisbon, Feb. 28 (Domei)—Confronted by Soviet pressure and the outbreak of disturbances throughout the country, Rumanian Premier General Nicolae Radescu has tendered his resignation, according to a dispatch received here today. All indications point to the assumption of premiership by some one "more acceptable" to Soviet Union.

Roosevelt Returns To Washington After Yalta

Lisoon, Feb. 27 (Domei)—American President Roosevelt returned to Washington today from his visit to Europe and the Yalta Conference, according to a Washington dispatch.

The President is expected to report to a joint session of Congress tomorrow on his trip to Crimea.

Thorough Exploitation Seen In India War Budget

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prospective budget deficit to 155 crores and 29 lakhs.

Speaking about India's huge sterling balances in London, Sir Jeremy Raisman said that the sterling balances up to the end of this month are estimated to be of the order of 1,030,000,000. The Finance Member frankly admitted that no useful purpose will be served by carrying on negotiations with the British Government for the clearing of the sterling balances before the end of the war. That is to say, the British Government have no intention of repaying even a single penny of this huge sterling balance which is increasing day by day.

In the course of his speech, the Finance Member also revealed that a new agreement has been reached between Britain and India whereby India will have to make a lump payment of 50 million pounds to Britain for what are called "non-effective defence charges". This 50 million pounds will be for charges up to the end of March 1939, and thereafter 900,000 pounds annually, all with retrospective effect.

Further, India will also have to bear the cost of its casualty pensions and other abnormally effective charges arising out of the war. All these will mean a further loot of thousands of crores of the Indian taxpayer's money. In a swan-song speech over his last budget, Sir Jeremy Raisman referred to the grave crisis confronting the British imperialistic power in India, and said: "We have had several threats to our stability, and we have still to solve the political problems and find a solution to our innumerable difficulties". Continuing, the Finance Member burst into poetic rapture and exclaimed: "In this war we have been torn by miseries and grief. We have sacrificed millions of Indians on the battlefield while innumerable women of India have been left widows. Streams of tears are flowing down the cheeks of millions and millions of others.

It is against such a pathetic background that we have to judge our financial deficits and responsibilities." This awful and gruesome picture painted by the Finance Member of the tragic situation in India today, only shows how terribly the people are suffering in India today, say well-informed observers. They add, the cause of all this is the inhuman loot and plunder of India's wealth by the British authorities and their appalling sacrifice of Indian manpower for Britain's imperialistic war.

Black Cross Assn's Praiseworthy Project

The worthy project undertaken by the patrons of the Black Cross Association, with the support of other public-spirited Chinese, to provide housing accommodation for those air raid victims who had been rendered homeless by the indiscriminate enemy bombing in Syonan, is meant for all irrespective of race, creed, or religion, we are informed today by Mr. Cheah Kim Bee, an official of the Black Cross Association.

It is stated that there are four hundred Indians among the victims who will benefit by this scheme.

The scheme which is estimated to cost $500,000 and which has the approval of the authorities and the assistance of the Koseika Cho, deserves the hearty support of all communities in the city.

Lone B-29 Shot Down Over Johore Straits

Johore Bahru, 28 (Domei)—The naval authorities revealed today that when a lone B-29 enemy raider engaged on a reconnaissance flight over Syonan last Saturday was caught in the cross-fire of naval surface guns, direct hits were scored and the plane was seen to disintegrate in mid-air and plunge headlong into the waters of Johore Straits.

According to reliable witness reports of this singular achievement by crews stationed to naval surface units, this B-29 was said to have been caught in the concentrated cross-fire of two anti-aircraft guns manned by naval surface units. Hit simultaneously, the raider's wings were seen to break away from the body of the plane which instantly disintegrated in mid-air and plunged headlong into the sea.

Comfort Home Here For Heiho, Giyu-gun Members

Syonan, Mar. 1 (Domei)—Providing a centre for entertaining members of Auxiliary Service (Heiho) on leave from barracks, as well as members of the Malai Volunteer Army (Giyu-gun), Naval Auxiliary Service and Nippon forces, a military mess will shortly be opened in the city under the direction of the Malai Welfare Association.

The establishment of this comfort centre has received the approval of the Military Headquarters, which will supply all the necessary materials in addition to furnishing the home. The running of the centre, which will supply fruits, coffee, cakes and other refreshments to these youths in military service, as well as providing music and other forms of entertainment, will be entirely in the hands of the Malai Welfare Association.

It is expected that members of the Women's Section of the M.W.A. will assist in the management of the home.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the site of the centre will be in the vicinity of the Dai Toa Gekijo.

SYONAN TOKUBETU SI NOTICE NO. 12

Re: Enrolment of Students for the Malai Koh-ah Kunren Zyo (Malai Koh-ah Training Institute)

Students for the above Institute are being enrolled as follows:—

1. Number of Students:—A certain number.

2. Eligibility:—Male youths between the ages of 15 and 25 who desire to be the local staff of the Gunseikan-bu.

3. Application:—Letters of application, together with details of personal history should be brought in person to the Kyoiku-ka (Education Department), Syonan Tokubetu-si not latter than March 10th, Showa 20.

4. Examination:—A selective examination will be held in the Tokubetu-si building on March 20th at 2 p.m.

5. Other Information:—All particulars may be obtained from Kyoiku-ka.

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SYONAN TOKUBETU SI NOTICE NO. 13.

Re: Enrolment of Students for the Malai I-ka Daigaku (Malai Medical College).

Students for the above College are being enrolled as follows:—

1. Number of Students:—Preparatory Course: First Year—A certain number.
Second Year—A certain number.

2. Application:—Applicants should present themselves at the Kyoiku-ka (Education Department), Syonan Tokubetu-si any day not later than March 8th.

3 Other Particulars:—For further information, enquiries should be directed to Kyoiku-ka (Extension 321, Tokubetu-si Line).

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